

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Vince Ricci, on March 14, 2017 at 4:00 P.M., in Room 472 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Vince Ricci, Chair (R)
Rep. Mike Cuffe, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)
Rep. Alan Doane (R)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)
Rep. Mark Noland (R)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Susan Webber (D)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sara Fleming, Committee Secretary
Susan Fox, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 576, 3/8/2017; SB 151, 3/8/2017
Executive Action: SB 8, SB 40, SB 151

HEARING ON HB 576

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:49 Rep. Jim Hamilton (D), HD 61, opened the hearing on HB 576, Revise laws related to the legislative calendar.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:01:53 Rep. Zolnikov joined the meeting.
00:02:23 Rep. Doane left the meeting.
00:07:27 Kris Hansen, Self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:10 Rep. Zolnikov
00:13:33 Rep. Hamilton
00:14:52 Rep. Noland
00:15:29 Kris Hansen, Self
00:16:27 Rep. Cuffe
00:18:23 Rep. Hamilton
00:19:41 Rep. Dunwell
00:20:09 Rep. Hamilton
00:21:22 Rep. Zolnikov
00:23:07 Rep. Hamilton
00:23:52 Chair Ricci
00:23:59 Kris Hansen, Self

Closing by Sponsor:

00:25:00 Rep. Hamilton

HEARING ON SB 151

Opening Statement by Sponsor

00:27:24 Sen. Dee Brown (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 151, Create local government interim committee.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:29:19 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
00:32:02 Bob Gilbert, City of Colstrip, City of Glendive, Musselshell County, Rosebud County
00:35:31 Ron Alles, Helena
00:37:24 Chris Kukulski, Bozeman
00:38:50 Michael Schoenike, Red Lodge

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:40:53 Rep. Berglee
00:41:35 Sen. D. Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

00:43:20 Sen. D. Brown

00:47:38 Recess
00:59:16 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 8

00:59:39 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Galt moved that **SB 8 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Cuffe, Rep. Doane and Rep. Webber voted by proxy. Rep. Ricci will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 151

01:01:04 **Motion:** Rep. Galt moved that **SB 151 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

01:01:24 Rep. Berglee
01:02:03 Rep. Hamilton
01:03:12 Susan Fox, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:03:58 Rep. Hamilton
01:04:13 Chair Ricci
01:04:50 Susan Fox, LSD

01:05:38 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Cuffe, Rep. Doane and Rep. Webber voted by proxy. Rep. Perry will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 40

01:06:39 **Motion:** Rep. Galt moved that **SB 40 BE CONCURRED IN**.

01:06:45 **Motion:** Rep. Galt moved that **SB 40 BE AMENDED**.

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Discussion:

01:07:05 Rep. Dunwell
01:08:29 Chair Ricci
01:08:36 Susan Fox, LSD
01:09:31 Rep. Noland
01:09:56 Susan Fox, LSD
01:10:42 Chair Ricci

01:11:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Cuffe, Rep. Doane and Rep. Webber voted by proxy.

01:11:41 **Motion:** Rep. Galt moved that **SB 40 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:11:58 Rep. Dunwell

01:12:26 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Cuffe, Rep. Doane and Rep. Webber voted by proxy. Rep. Dunwell will carry the bill.

Committee Business:

01:13:30 Chair Ricci

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:14:02

Sara Fleming, Secretary

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